



# ARTICLE ALERT

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## Lembar Informasi: Kerja Sama Amerika Serikat-ASEAN



Amerika Serikat berupaya untuk meningkatkan keterlibatannya dalam Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Hal ini mencakup pengembangan program-program, keberadaan perwakilan resmi untuk ASEAN, dan keterlibatan tingkat tinggi lainnya. Amerika Serikat telah memperbarui hubungan dengan para negara sahabat dan telah memperkuat kemitraan bilateral dan kini tengah memperluas keterlibatannya dalam lembaga-lembaga multilateral. Beberapa hal utama dari kerja sama Amerika Serikat-ASEAN ini adalah sebagai berikut:

**Keterlibatan Pejabat Tinggi:** Amerika Serikat tengah berupaya meningkatkan keterlibatan pejabat tingginya dalam ASEAN dengan berbagai cara, di antaranya:

- ◆ Presiden Barack Obama akan mewakili Amerika Serikat untuk pertama kalinya sebagai anggota penuh KTT East Asia Summit pada bulan November di Bali. Beliau juga akan memimpin pertemuan ASEAN-United States Leaders Meeting.
- ◆ Menteri Luar Negeri Hillary Rodham Clinton telah mewakili Amerika Serikat pada ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference, ASEAN Regional Forum serta pertemuan tingkat menteri KTT East Asia Summit.
- ◆ Amerika Serikat menyelenggarakan dialog ASEAN-United States Dialogue yang ke-24 pada bulan Juli, yang merefleksikan sejarah

panjang kemitraan ASEAN-AS.

- ◆ Pada Oktober 2010, Menteri Pertahanan saat itu, Robert Gates, turut serta pada pembukaan pertemuan menteri pertahanan ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting Plus dalam rangka mengembangkan kerja sama militer kawasan.
- ◆ Duta Besar Ron Kirk menyelenggarakan pertemuan menteri perdagangan ASEAN Trade Ministers pada Mei 2010 sebagai bagian dari U.S.-ASEAN "Road Show" yang pertama, yang merupakan kelanjutan dari perjanjian kerangka kerja perdagangan dan investasi Trade and Investment Framework Agreement dengan ASEAN. Selain itu, Duta Besar Demetrios Marantis menghadiri pertemuan menteri perekonomian ASEAN Economic Ministers meeting, yang mencapai kesepakatan dengan para menteri perdagangan ASEAN Trade Ministers untuk menyusun rencana kerja Trade and Investment Framework Agreement untuk tahun berikutnya.
- ◆ Amerika Serikat membuka perwakilan resmi untuk ASEAN pada tahun 2010 dan menunjuk Duta Besar untuk ASEAN yang pertama, yaitu David L. Carden pada April 2011.

**Dukungan untuk Agenda ASEAN:** Amerika Serikat memberikan pendanaan dan keahlian untuk berbagai macam program dalam rangka mendukung tiga pilar ASEAN. Berikut ini adalah beberapa program bantuan Amerika yang utama:

- ◆ **Politik-Keamanan:** Amerika Serikat telah melaksanakan program antiproliferasi, menyelenggarakan lokakarya kejahatan keuangan

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## DEMOCRACY AND GLOBAL ISSUES

1. Brown, Lester **THE NEW GEOPOLITICS OF FOOD** (Foreign Policy, no. 186, May/June 2011, pp. 54-63)

The author notes that rising global prices for staples do not affect those in the Western industrialized countries as much as they do in developing countries. For Americans, who spend less than one-tenth of their income in the supermarket, the soaring food prices are an annoyance, not a calamity. But for the planet's poorest 2 billion people, who spend 50%-70% of their income on food, rising prices may mean going from two meals a day to one. From the Middle East to Madagascar, high prices are spawning land grabs and ousting dictators. Brown says that's why the food crisis of 2011 is for real, and why it may bring with it yet more bread riots and revolutions. The result is a world that looks strikingly different from the bountiful global grain economy of the last century. Farmers now face

increasing pressure of population growth; each year 80 million additional people must be fed, nearly all of them in developing countries. Currently available online at <http://goo.gl/209vq>

2. U.S. State Department **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORTS 2011: INDONESIA** (U.S. Embassy Jakarta website, 2011)

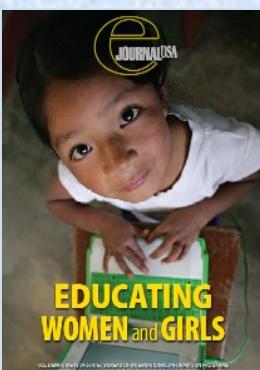
On June 27, 2011 Secretary Clinton released a new Trafficking in Persons Report 2011 that ranks 184 countries, including Indonesia. This report is the product of a collaborative process that involves ambassadors and embassies and NGOs as well as U.S. State Department team in Washington. And it really does give us a snapshot about what's happening. It shows us where political will and political leadership are making a difference. The full report is available at <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rts/>



### ePublication: Global Water Issues

It explores the political, social and economic challenges presented by threats to Earth's most vital natural resource. With a foreword by U.S. Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs Maria Otero, Global Water Issues describes how this ecological emergency affects population centers, human health, climate and food security.

This e-book demonstrates the United States' continued commitment to this issue and our unrelenting pursuit of effective solutions. In its chapters, we see firsthand accounts of the vast impact that fresh water has on the world's population. The articles touch on global health and food security, but they also highlight the personal and human dimension with poignant water stories. The result is an illustration of the depths of the challenges we all face and the multiple obstacles encountered when confronting ineffective water management situations. Read more at <http://goo.gl/NUp4Y>



### eJournal USA: Educating Women and Girls

Education is crucial to a country's economic and social development. Research by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) shows that each year of schooling increases an individual's economic output by 4 to 7 percent. Educating women and girls, in particular, yields profound social and economic benefits. Studies demonstrate that educating women and girls leads to lower infant and child mortality rates, lower maternal mortality rates, better educated children and increased participation by women in the workforce. Yet despite these benefits, in many countries females receive less schooling than males.

This issue of eJournal USA explores how international organizations, state governments, the private sector and individuals — in many different countries — are tackling this global challenge and improving people's lives. Download full text of this eJournal at : <http://goo.gl/1bz7>

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

3. Gandel, Stephen **A SURPRISING JOBS RECOVERY: AMERICAN MANUFACTURING IS BACK** (Time Magazine online, May 16, 2011)

Despite a lackluster economic rebound, manufacturing in the United States has, for the first time in decades, seen an increase. Nearly one in every six jobs that has been created since the beginning of 2010 has been in manufacturing – and additional 240,000 workers in total. The recovery of U.S. manufacturing is due in part to the weak dollar and in-

creased foreign demand for U.S. construction and agricultural machinery and building supplies. As a result, in the first quarter of 2011, U.S. manufacturing output grew by 9 percent, or five times as fast as the overall economy. Even so, manufacturing – with its comparatively well-paying jobs – makes up only 9 percent of the workforce, down from 16 percent at the beginning of the 1990s. Available online at <http://goo.gl/HiwK6>

## U.S. SOCIETY & VALUES

### 4. Alter, Jonathan **WOMAN OF THE WORLD** (Vanity Fair, June 2011)

Hillary Rodham Clinton, now in her ninth year as America's most admired woman, is "in her element" dealing with foreign upheaval not seen since the fall of the Soviet Union. President Obama chose her as Secretary of state because "she represents the United States better than anyone but him," this lengthy portrait claims. In the two and a half years on the job, she has visited 80 countries. She and President Obama agree that "one-size-fits-all" foreign policy will not work. Staffers note that both Obama and Hillary are methodical, deductive thinkers who drill down into a problem. But in an interview, she acknowledged that most problems are never solved. "You just keep working at them and working at them and working at them," Clinton said. Available online at <http://goo.gl/beAwI>

### 5. Smallwood, Scott and Richards, Alex **HOW EDUCATED ARE STATE LEGISLATORS?** (Chronicle of Higher Education, June 12, 2011).

It's a tension that dates to the founding of the country: In our representative democracy, should those who make the laws reflect the entire citizenry, or should they be chosen from an educated elite? For the first time, *The Chronicle* has looked at where every state legislator in America went to college—or went at all. Starting with data from Project Vote Smart, a nonpartisan research organization, and expanding the scope with extensive research into more than 1,000 individual legislators, we set out to see which is the least-educated legislature in America, which is the most educated, where all 7,000-plus legislators went to college, and why it may or may not matter. In doing so, we got a glimpse of the citizens who hold these seats and how they—so much more than Congress—reflect the average American experience. Currently available at <http://goo.gl/3xsnq>

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dan pelatihan keamanan maritime, serta memberikan pelatihan dan pendampingan antiteroris bagi negara anggota ASEAN yang paling rentan.

- ◆ **Ekonomi:** Amerika Serikat berupaya untuk mendukung pemaduan ekonomi kawasan dan peningkatan perdagangan dan investasi AS-ASEAN melalui implementasi rencana kerja di bawah US-ASEAN Trade and Investment Framework Agreement. Amerika Serikat juga telah membantu ASEAN meningkatkan standar industri di bidang farmasi, peralatan elektronik dan kelistrikan, serta konstruksi. Amerika Serikat telah memberikan pelatihan negosiasi perdagangan dan mendukung dialog antara masyarakat dan sektor swasta.
- ◆ **Sosial-budaya:** Untuk membantu ASEAN berupaya lebih baik dalam tanggap darurat bencana, Amerika Serikat telah memberikan evaluasi terhadap tim tanggap darurat negara anggota ASEAN serta pelatihan kordinasi tanggap darurat bencana. Amerika Serikat telah melakukan pelatihan kesehatan hewan dan vaksinasi serta tanggap darurat penyakit pandemic. Amerika Serikat telah pula menyelenggarakan program pertukaran jurnalis antara ASEAN dan Amerika Serikat.
- ◆ Amerika Serikat terus berupaya untuk bekerja dengan mitra Amerika Serikat di prakarsa Lower Mekong Initiative (Kamboja, Laos, Thailand, dan Vietnam) dalam persoalan di bidang kesehatan masyarakat, infrastruktur, pendidikan, dan lingkungan di sub-kawasan.

Lebih lanjut:

- ◆ **Ancaman keamanan non-tradisional:** Amerika Serikat tengah mendukung rencana kerja ASEAN dalam persoalan perdagangan manusia. Amerika Serikat juga telah memberikan pelatihan untuk membantu mengatasi penyelundupan narkoba serta aspek-aspek kejahatan internasional lainnya.
- ◆ **Keberlanjutan Lingkungan:** Amerika Serikat tengah mendukung keberlanjutan lingkungan melalui program-program yang berfokus pada penciptaan kota-kota yang berkelanjutan dan tahan iklim. Sejak Oktober 2009, kami telah menempatkan Spesialis Perubahan Iklim di ASEAN untuk membantu ASEAN menyusun rencana kerja tentang perubahan iklim.
- ◆ Amerika Serikat mendukung ASEAN dalam menciptakan kemudahan perdagangan melalui Trade and Investment Framework Agreement serta program pendampingan dari AS.
- ◆ Pada November 2010, Amerika Serikat menyebut dibentuknya komisi HAM antar pemerintah ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) untuk Amerika Serikat untuk bertemu dengan lembaga-lembaga HAM di bawah organisasi negara-negara bagian AS Organization of American States dan PBB serta dengan kelompok masyarakat madani.
- ◆ Amerika Serikat sangat menanti pembentukan komisi peningkatan dan perlindungan hak perempuan dan anak ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children pada tahun 2012 nanti.

Sumber: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2011/07/168943.htm>

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